To: Chairman and Authority Members Date: January 23, 2004

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**Subject:** Agenda Item 7 – Discussion of Public Review Period of the Draft Program

**EIR/EIS** and selection of Dates and Locations for the Public Hearings

## Discussion

The release of the draft EIR/EIS begins a 90-day public comment period. Within the 90-day public comment period the Authority will host public hearings as required. The proposed draft EIR/EIS public hearing schedule is as follows:

March 23, 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> EIR Public Hearing - Sacramento
April 13, 2004	2 <sup>nd</sup> EIR Public Hearing - Los Angeles
April 15, 2004	3 <sup>rd</sup> EIR Public Hearing – San Diego
April 20, 2004	4 <sup>th</sup> EIR Public Hearing - San Francisco
April 28, 2004	5 <sup>th</sup> EIR Public Hearing - Fresno

## Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Authority approve the proposed draft public hearing schedule set forth.